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DRUG TRAFFICKING RINGLEADER SENTENCED

Receives additional 30 years in Federal Prison

DAYTON -- Charles Goff, Jr., age 38, of Dayton was sentenced to serve an additional 30 years in federal prison for his leadership role in a massive drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracy dating back to 2004. Goff was convicted on October 11, 2006, following a two week jury trial in Dayton federal court.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and Robert Corso, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, announced the sentence that was handed down today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

"Goff was the acknowledged leader of a Dayton-based drug trafficking operation that put over 1,500 kilograms of cocaine into our community between 1996 and 2004," Lockhart said. "The Court's sentence closes the book on one of Dayton's largest drug trafficking organizations."

According to testimony presented at trial, federal agents arrested Goff in 1996 after undercover agents seized more than 40 kilograms of cocaine and \$1 million in cash from his organization. While awaiting trial, Goff organized yet a second drug trafficking conspiracy from his home while on home detention. Trial testimony also disclosed that Goff's drug ring arranged for flatbed truck deliveries of illegal drugs concealed inside concrete road construction barriers. These drug shipments originated from Mexico and were arranged by Goff's connections with drug trafficking ringleaders in Chicago. These construction barriers were delivered to a rural Montgomery County farmhouse owned by Goff. Once delivered, Goff and his associates jack hammered the barriers to gain access to the hidden drug stash.

Goff is the last of the 14 defendants to be sentenced in the case.

In March 1999, Goff was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for the initial drug trafficking conspiracy. His 30 year sentence will run consecutive with this prior sentence.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by agents of the DEA and IRS, Criminal Investigation for their work on the case, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorneys Dwight K. Keller and William F. Schenck Jr. who prosecuted the case.

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